

### Remarks

By this Amendment, the Specification has been amended to more accurately reflect the title of U.S. Patent No. 6,555,042.

In the Examiner's Answer mailed July 14, 2004, claims 12 and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claims 43 and 44 were indicated as allowed. By this Amendment, the Applicant has rewritten claims 12 and 24 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-42 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

A check for \$200 is included to cover the additional independent claim. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss prompt resolution of any remaining issues necessary to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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